

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification and figures are amended.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiners Patel and Jeffery at the interview held January 13, 2005 are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

Subsequent to the personal interview, Applicants' representative conducted a telephone interview wherein Examiner Patel was authorized to amend claims 1 and 19 by Examiner's amendment to make the changes to those claims mentioned in the Form PTOL-413.

Fig. 3 is amended to include subfigure labels 3A-3D. The specification is amended to change the references therein to Fig. 3 accordingly. These amendments to the drawings and specification correspond to those requested by Examiners Patel and Jeffery at the personal interview.

In view of the forgoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:  
Replacement Drawing Sheet

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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached replacement drawing sheet corrects Fig. 3.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet